

# A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All

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### TAMPA FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF 2 BLOCKS

Believe Sparks From Steamer Started  
the Blaze

#### BUSINESS SECTION DARK

Damage Estimated Between \$350,000  
and Approximately \$500,000

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 30.—Loss which early estimates placed as between \$350,000 and \$500,000 was caused by a serious waterfront fire this afternoon which, fanned by a stiff breeze, destroyed two blocks in the wholesale district. The fire zone was bounded by the river on the west, by Tampa street on the east, by Whiting street on the south and by Washington street on the north.

The fire began shortly before 4 o'clock and burned fiercely until 5 o'clock when it was under control, but only after one of the hardest fights ever known on the part of the local department. The department is equipped with the most modern type of gasoline motor pumping engines.

So fast did the fire spread that firemen were nearly cut off and had to abandon 1,000 feet of hose. Capt. J. D. Ross was burned about the face and is under a physician's care. Several other firemen were burned, but not so seriously. The business section of the city was tonight without electric lights or power and police were ready for any eventuality which might arise because of the darkness. Thieves robbed officers in the Citizens Bank building this afternoon while the fire was in progress, getting several purses.

#### Paper by Multigraph

The Tribune was preparing tonight to issue by multigraph, as it looked as if there would be no power until a very late hour, if at all. This is the worst fire in several years and came at the end of a year marked by losses which were remarkably light.

The origin of the fire had not been definitely determined late tonight. It was thought, however, that a Bay steamer which was getting up steam under a forced draft, caused sparks to fall on the roof of the Home Line offices. The fire was discovered about twenty minutes after the boat left.

During the progress of the fire there were several explosions of oil, 150 barrels of which were in the warehouse of the Bay Line. A little later there followed a fusillade like a machine gun bombardment lasting half an hour, the fire having reached ammunition stored in the warehouse of Perkins and Sharpe.

#### Oil Warehouse Saved

A big warehouse in which much oil was stored, and which belongs to the Knight and Wall Hardware Company, was saved by the company's employees, who threw hose out of the windows of the main store, attaching it to the company's private standpipe. Several automobiles which had been left standing in the fire zone were destroyed.

The lack of electric lights caused a mad rush for candles and lamps on the part of the public, and one firm was holding candles at ten cents each and selling them by the hundred. At 10 o'clock the Tampa Electric Company was able to partially restore the lighting in the business section. The interruption in electric service was caused by the burning of the main wires on Tampa street. Hyde Park and West Tampa were not affected.

#### HEADS PHILOSOPHERS

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Prof. Ralph B. Perry, of Harvard University was today elected president of the American Philosophical Association which is holding its nineteenth annual meeting at Cornell University. Prof. A. H. Jones, of Brown University, was elected secretary.

#### NOTICE OF DISCHARGE

I will apply to the Judge of Probate for Clarendon County on the 30th day of January 1920, at 11 o'clock A. M. for Letters of Discharge as Executor of the estate of Mary Ann Nelson, deceased.

G. T. Ragin,  
Executor.  
Summerton, S. C., Dec. 29, 1919.

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS

Mr. J. W. Wideman was a business visitor to Atlanta this week.

Mr. Charles Taylor has moved his family into his new home which he has just erected on Boyce street.

Dr. Herman Huggins of Pomaria spent Christmas with his mother in Manning.

Mrs. Arthur Reeves of Atlanta spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Jake Iseman.

Don't forget the Hawaiian Troupe at the School Auditorium tomorrow night.

Mr. H. M. Thomas returned this morning from a business trip to Atlanta.

Mr. W. M. Plowden accompanied his daughter, Miss Carolyn, to Charleston yesterday where she will undergo an operation.

Miss Louie Harvin returned to Columbia this morning, after spending Christmas with her parents in Manning.

A notice of the examination for teachers appears in another column. The county superintendent is anxious to have a large number take it. The examination begins at 9 o'clock on Saturday January 10th, 1920.

Mr. Harry Gerald, who is employed by the J. P. Taylor Tobacco Co., spent the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gerald. Harry is located on the Lexington, Ky. market.

Council met Monday and awarded the "white-way" contract to the Dixie Electric Co., of Sumter. Work will begin on the installation of this improvement as soon as the material arrives, all of which has been shipped.

We call our readers attention to the large advertisement of Mr. H. D. Dubrow. This store will put on its annual January Clearance Sale beginning Friday, January 2nd.

The fire department was called to the home of Mr. Morris Ness Christmas morning. The roof caught from a spark from the chimney. The blaze was extinguished with small damage.

Part of The Times force spent some of the Christmas holidays with relatives at their former homes: Mr. C. B. Smith was in York, Mr. J. W. Barton was at Lancaster and Mr. J. F. Cromer was in Union. They all report a pleasant dry time.

The Dixie Electric and Plumbing Company have moved their stock from the Nimmer building and will make Sumter headquarters for both places. It is the intention of this enterprising firm a little later to open up a business here on a large scale.

Married yesterday in Foreston, Miss Cora Sprott and Dr. Richard M. Pollitzer of Charleston. The couple left immediately for Florida and Cuba, and on their return will make Charleston their home. The bride is an accomplished daughter of Hon. and Mrs. W. T. P. Sprott and the groom is a leading physician of Charleston.

Officers Thames, Gamble and Peavy have been after the moonshiners the last few days. Last Saturday they took a still from Arthur Smith near Summerton. Sunday Ransom Waters place was raided and a still taken. Monday January Stukes fell a victim of the officers. He also had a still in his possession. All of the parties are colored and they put up a \$300 bond for their appearance at court.

Mr. R. D. Cothran, who has been conducting a tobacco warehouse at Brookland, Va., has returned home, the season having closed up there. Mr. Cothran has over 100,000 pounds of bad tobacco that he bought here during the wet spell last July, and as there is no market in this country for that grade, he is contemplating going to Germany in a few days and trying to place this tobacco over there.

Mr. Atna V. Grumble left last night for Richmond, Va., after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Grumble. Mr. Grumble is now located at Richmond as representatives for Proctor & Gamble, the big soap manufacturers.

Mr. John D. Gerald & Son who will operate the Gerald Warehouse this season announce that they have a quantity of tobacco seed which they will distribute to the planters. The seed is now being distributed at Leon Weinberg's store. Mr. Gerald and son, Harry are both well known to the farmers of this county and will no doubt do a big business this season.

"The Dixie" looks like a real cafe, since George Chalmers took charge of it. He has made wonderful improvements in the appearance of the little eating palace and he has already

### MR. AARON WEINBERG PASSES AWAY

Died this morning about 3:30 o'clock at his home in Manning, Mr. Aaron Weinberg, aged seventy-nine years. The deceased had been an invalid for about a year, and for the past six months he suffered greatly. Mr. Weinberg was one of Manning's first settlers, and grew up with the town. Just after the war he entered the mercantile business here, and through his good business judgment he amassed a fortune. He helped many people in days gone by when they could not help themselves. He was always a friend to the poor and never oppressed a man when he was down. He was married to Miss Rosa Levi in 1873 and to them were born twelve children, all of which survive him except two. The surviving children are: Drs. Abe and Milton of Sumter, Jake, Julian, Leon, Bertram, Mrs. C. B. Geiger, Irma, Addie of Manning and Lester of Kingstree. The funeral will be held in Sumter tomorrow afternoon. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

#### HAPGOOD'S TERM EXPIRES

Washington, Dec. 29.—Norman Hapgood is no longer American minister to Denmark, it was said today at the State Department. Officials explained that the Senate had failed to confirm his nomination before the end of the special session on November 19, and that since he was not given a recess appointment by President Wilson, his commission automatically expired on that date.

Mr. Hapgood, who returned from Copenhagen several days ago, was in conference today with Secretary Lansing, discussing the situation in Soviet Russia. It was said that the situation pictured by the former minister on the basis of information reaching him at Copenhagen did not differ materially from that described in dispatches reaching the department through other sources.

Officials would not discuss reported charges that Mr. Hapgood had been sympathetic toward the Soviet authorities while he was acting as American minister in the Danish capital.

#### WORK ON STEEL TANK SHIP

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 30.—Work on an 11,000-ton steel tank ship for the Standard Oil Company, which will be the largest vessel yet launched south of Newport News, has been begun by the Oscar Daniels Company at its ship yard in this city. The contract price is \$2,200,000. The Daniels Company is finishing the sixth of ten 9,000-ton freighters for the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The local shipyard has made one of the best records in the country for uninterrupted work, owing to the climatic advantages of this section.

noticed the results. Manning has long since needed a good up-to-date cafe, and it now looks as if our dreams have really happened. This place has been thoroughly renovated and made new all over. The management assures the public that loafing in this eating parlor is absolutely prohibited.

The Times office is now one of the best equipped printing offices in the State. We have just finished installing electric motors on every power machine in the office—a total of eight motors, giving eight horse-power. These are all individual driven machines and this is the most modern motor equipment manufactured. The Manning Times takes unto itself a great deal of credit for putting this little city on the map, through its printing of tobacco warehouse stationery for markets in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Kentucky. We take great pride in the class of work that we turn out (and it certainly must be good or we would not get the hundreds of repeat orders that we do) comparing most favorably with the products of the largest offices of the country.

#### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the books of Registration of the Town of Manning will be opened at my office, over the Bank of Manning from January 1, 1920 to and including January 17, 1920.

All persons, not previously registered, desiring to vote at the special election to be held on February 2, 1920 must obtain a registration certificate.

All persons registered for the last election are not required to re-register.

S. Marion Williams,

Supervisor of Registration of the Town of Manning.  
Manning, S. C., Dec. 29, 1919.

### SARDINIA DEMONSTRATION CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Sardinia Home Demonstration Club is now rounding up the fifth year of its work. The Club was organized under the leadership of Miss Katherine Richardson, County Agent. During the first four years the Club used the programs as outlined and prepared by the Government. As the War came on, and more workers were needed to carry on the Demonstration Work, Mrs. Theo. D. Plowden came on the scene, at the niche of time, and two years ago she became Agent for this part of Clarendon County. The Demonstration work had grown to such an extent, that new help was needed to further the progress of this line of action. The first year of our work with Mrs. Plowden as leader followed the already prepared programs, but they were made far more interesting by a demonstration each meeting. Mrs. Plowden coming just when she did, with her charming personality, was the very turning point in the life of the Sardinia Club. Always, new people, new things are interesting, but the beauty of Mrs. Plowden's coming was the more she came, the more we looked forward to her coming. The attendance increased from a very small number to a large one, and the interest has grown until no member is willing to miss even one meeting. The programs last year dealt on subjects of food or nutrition. A lesson was given on almost every phase of this subject. Programs were held on Home Gardening, Home Conveniences, Care of Poultry, and other subjects of like importance. During the study of Foods, Mrs. Plowden realized, that to see was more convincing than to hear, so she demonstrated some dainty, well prepared dish, and this proved to be of great service. After these demonstrations, the members were allowed to smell, see and taste. Demonstrations in Canning, Drying, and preserving in brine were shown.

It is very fitting to give much credit to the efforts of the untiring president, Mrs. T. M. McCutchen, who spared no pains to make the work a success. She had served as president almost since the organization of the Club. It is said, that a good general is one who has soldiers at work, and this can truly be said of both Mrs. Plowden and the president. Mention ought also to be made of the private members who so willingly took part in the different programs.

At the close of last years work, this being a four year old club, we were allowed to select and make out our own programs. By this time we felt quite grown up, and as this was time to elect officers, we proceeded to elect Mrs. Jos. Rittener as president. We realized in her the zeal and courage of our retiring president, so we congratulated ourselves on being so fortunate. She is most faithful and capable.

Immediately preparation was begun for a Year Book. At this time Mrs. Plowden lent her good judgment, and with the help of private members a very neat book was ready for publication. Mrs. Rittener presented the book, all nicely put together with the Club colors. Each member was notified that she had a place on the program, and all she had to do was to go to the Year Book, and see her subject, also place and time of meeting. Before the year book was ready, Mrs. Plowden was entertaining the club with ways and means to make one's work less difficult. At one meeting we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Musser, our county agent. He gave demonstrations in pruning, also spoke of diseases of plants and trees, and their remedies.

An afternoon was profitably spent in the discussion of "Laundering Made Easy." And each lady went home with a lighter heart to go at this work next time. Domestic Science as taught in Public Schools, was discussed at length, and good papers prepared for reading to the club, School work, and the importance of the school and community cooperating held an important place in the programs of this year. One especially excellent paper was one prepared on the subject of "The Boy Problem." Mrs. Plowden's "Message to Club Mothers" was eagerly listened to. Through the year Mrs. Plowden has added wonderfully to the programs by giving many beautiful vocal selections. The Christmas meeting brought the years work to a close so far as programs are concerned. This meeting was full of interest, and the members who took part certainly showed that they were heart and soul in the work. Excellent papers were read, and the music by the Club members was lovely. Especial mention should be made of Mrs. Plowden's rendering of the State Song, "Carolina." The duet in which Mrs. Melton accompanied Mrs. Plowden was enough to fill any one with the Christmas spirit.

Another interesting feature of the years work which might well be mentioned is the organizing of a class in Home Nursing. Mrs. Plowden presented to the club, Miss Benedict, County Nurse and her work among us is doing untold good.

As a whole the Demonstration Work

### ASKS FOR DEATH PENALTY

Atlanta, December 29.—Calling on Congress to provide more rigid enforcement of the prohibition laws to prevent further loss of life through wood alcohol, more than 100 southern dry leaders passed a resolution to that effect today. The resolution, which was introduced by E. Y. Clarke southern campaign director for the Anti-Saloon League, also called for the death penalty for those found guilty of selling wood alcohol in whiskey and also demanded greater activity on the part of government, State and city authorities in enforcing the law, the concluding paragraph of the resolution states that the prohibition enforcement conference respectfully calls the attention of the Congress of the United States to the existing conditions and most earnestly urges that sufficient funds and a sufficient number of law enforcement officers be provided to insure proper enforcement of the laws now on the statute books, to make impossible a repetition of this Christmas tragedy. Among those who voted for the resolution were: Gen. N. B. Forrest of Biloxi, Miss, commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; Col. W. McDonald Lee, of Richmond, Va., Dr. Howard H. Russell, founder of the Anti-Saloon League of America, and credited with procuring the passage of the national prohibition amendments; Judge Nash R. Broyles, chief justice of the Georgia Court of Appeals. Dry leaders were present from Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida and Virginia.

### REFUSES TO TAKE STAND

Mount Clemens, Mich., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Ruth Prevost Brown, the young widow of J. Stanley Brown, who was shot to death in his automobile on a country road near here a week ago, refused to testify at the inquest which opened here tonight. Lloyd Prevost, Mrs. Brown's cousin, and a close friend of the slain man, also claimed constitutional immunity and the two witnesses upon whom Prosecutor Johnson had conducted to give important testimony, were excused.

Mrs. Brown and Prevosts had been detained as material witnesses but were released today. Several physicians who performed a post mortem upon the body of the prominent young man gave expert testimony and agreed that the shots which caused his death were fired from within the automobile not more than six inches from the head.

The inquest was adjourned until next Friday. In the meantime officials expect to have in custody here Cecile Beatrice Vester, for whom a warrant has been issued charging murder. The woman, said to have been a friend of Brown's, was reported to have left Kalamazoo in custody of a deputy sheriff early today but had not arrived here tonight.

### FIVE PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Buffalo, Dec. 30.—Twenty-five of the men arrested at the local communist headquarters Monday night pleaded not guilty to charges of criminal anarchy in police court today and were held for hearings on Friday. Virtually all of them were released on \$2,500 bail. Of the twenty-five only eight were born in the United States, their records show.

### FORCED TO THROW PART OF CARGO OVERBOARD

Mobile, Dec. 30.—Going ashore off Havana Bar, the United Fruit Company steamer Vera, which arrived here today, was forced to discharge half of her cargo of bananas to get free. About 15,000 bunches were thrown into the sea.

### BOMB EXPLODES, ONE KILLED

Havre, De Grace, Md., Dec. 30.—One man was killed and two were hurt today when an aerial bomb exploded at the Aberdeen proving ground. The dead man is Elbert Fallon. Henry Campbell had his ear drums ruptured but will recover. Fallon's leg and arm were blown off.

done by our agent, Mrs. Plowden, is accomplishing great results, and we would have her know that her efforts are esteemed very highly by her many admirers in Sardinia.

### TO RATIFY TREATY ON JANUARY 2nd

On All Points Except That Relating to  
Naval Material on Hand

#### ALLIED TROOPS PROCEED

Ceremony to Be Carried Out Without  
Display—To Resume Relations

Paris, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Exchange of ratifications of the treaty of Versailles will take place January 6 at the Quai D'Orsay. Baron von Lersner, head of the German delegation, and Paul Dutasta, secretary of the peace conference, tonight settled all points in connection with the signature except that relating to naval material, which, it is expected, will be solved shortly.

#### Will Sign Protocol

The Germans will sign the protocol and at the same time the Allies will hand a letter to them agreeing to reduce their demands to 400,000 tons if the available tonnage has been over-estimated or Germany is gravely menaced economically. In any case, after the signature, the Allies will get 242,000 tons of material and the balance based on the reports of experts who are now checking up at Danzig, Hamburg and Bremen.

The British prime minister, David Lloyd George, will be present at the ceremony, which will be carried out without any display. Diplomatic relations with Germany will be resumed the following day, when the French charge d'affaires will go to Berlin and French consuls will resume their posts.

Allied troops will proceed on January 12 to the territories which must be evacuated by the Germans or where plebiscites are to be held. It is estimated that 100 trains will be needed for this purpose.

#### Consuls to be Sent

Ellis Loring Dresel, an American member of the peace conference, an expert on German affairs, it is understood, will go to Berlin as soon as ratifications are exchanged. He will be accompanied by a staff. This is presumed here to be a temporary expedient until diplomatic relations with the United States are resumed. He was appointed acting commissioner and charge d'affaires in October.

### CO-OPERATIVE SHIP- MENT OF HOGS

I have lately heard of a number of farmers who have hogs to sell and cannot dispose of them on the local market. If enough hogs can be gotten together at Manning to make up a carload I will aid anyone having hogs to sell to dispose of them. It will take from 70 to 100 hogs to make a carload and anything under 125 pounds is too small to ship. We will ship a car on Wednesday, January 7th. Everyone reading this notice tell your neighbors about it and decide how many hogs you can put in the car. We can ship all you bring.

But in order to get some idea how many hogs we will have to ship, all those who are going to ship hogs should notify Mr. F. C. Thomas, at Manning, by telephone, post card or any other way as soon as you read this and tell him how many you can ship.

As I am now away on my vacation Mr. Thomas has kindly promised to handle this matter for me.

This will be the first time hogs have been shipped cooperatively from Clarendon, so let's all get together and make it a success. If we ship a few cars this year you will know just how to do it next year and can plan to raise more hogs for market and to beat the boll weevil. Remember the date Wednesday January 7th, and have your hogs ready.

A. M. Musser,  
County Agent.

### CHARGED WITH PROFITEERING

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Federal agents made the second charge here to day of sugar profiteering when Mike Bolono, retail grocer, was held by United States Commissioner Browne in \$3,000 bail. Bolono is alleged to have sold sugar at twenty cents a pound for which he paid ten cents.